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— Refreshments —

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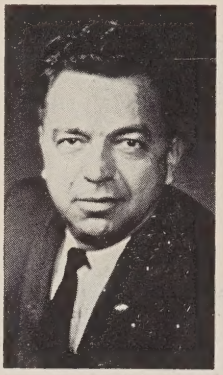
Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

Christmas is over — and it was a GOOD one. There are so many things that were good about it! A few of them were: the church services, the beautiful music, Santa Claus, the weather, the "Open House" at the Scottish Rite Temple, the food, and ever so many more. One other thing that is good is that the rush is over and we can slow down. My spouse says she is so tired or running she doesn't know what to do. She feels very sympathetic toward the fugitive in "Run For Your Life".



Yes, Christmas is over and we have to speak for it. But, another day is coming. Let's let it speak for itself.

I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred and sixty-five days I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience, and trust in God.

I am the New Year. I am here — but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best.

Now, Brethren, the Bagpipe has a word or two to say. He must be tired, too. He doesn't seem to be in a frivilous mood. Therefore, what he has to present as his part of the concert will be mostly in a serious vein.

Man is the jewel of God, who has created this material world to keep his treasures in.

So live that you would not be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

Truth may be stretched but cannot be broken, and always gets above falsehood, as oil does above water.

To do for the world more than the world does for you — that is success.

LOSING GAME: A man I know once lost more than 20 pounds during a dieting stretch. "How in the world did you do it?" I asked. "Well," he said. "I cried a lot at the table."

The highest compact we can make with our fellow is, — Let there be truth between us two forevermore.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well without a thought of fame.

And now — a word from your piper. HAPPY NEW YEAR! May it be so good to you that you'll fall asleep each night — counting your blessings.

Your piper,
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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

The Christmas Season is now behind us and we are looking forward to what the New Year will bring.

The Open House Christmas Observance was the second of this type of celebration in which the Temple has participated and from evidences of the manner in which the observance was received by the visiting Brethren and their families it is quite obvious that the Scottish Rite has moved forward in the observance of the Christmas season in a beautiful manner. Hundreds of people availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Temple on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, from 3:00 until 9:00 o'clock and spent the time in wholesome Masonic fellowship visiting the several apartments of the Temple which were appropriately decorated and enjoying the delicious refreshments prepared and served by our friends in the Eastern Star.

The Temple had been decorated with proper regard to the various moods that should be observed during the Christmas Season. The first floor used the Nativity scene as the focal point of its decoration and all similar decorations on the first floor followed the religious motif.

The second floor was decorated to carry out the idea of the holiday or festive theme with most of the attention being centered on the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall where a center table beautifully decorated contained a delicious supply of refreshments. The room was beautified further with attention focused on a large, live Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and with other Christmas decorations appropriately placed throughout the room. A very interesting feature of the second floor observance was a visit to the auditorium where the visitors had an opportunity to thrill in the improvements that had been made following the Fall Reunion. New and beautiful carpet had been laid throughout the floor arena and the hallway, adding immensely to the beauty of the room. A stage scene was set in keeping with the Christmas theme and this added to the inspiration of the visit.

The Lodge room on the third floor had also been decorated and quite a number of visitors expressed their appreciation in their visit to this area.

All in all the observance of this day afforded many non-Scottish Rite members and their families an opportunity to visit the Temple and to gain some little insight into the beauty, the dignity and the solemnity of what the Scottish Rite has to offer.

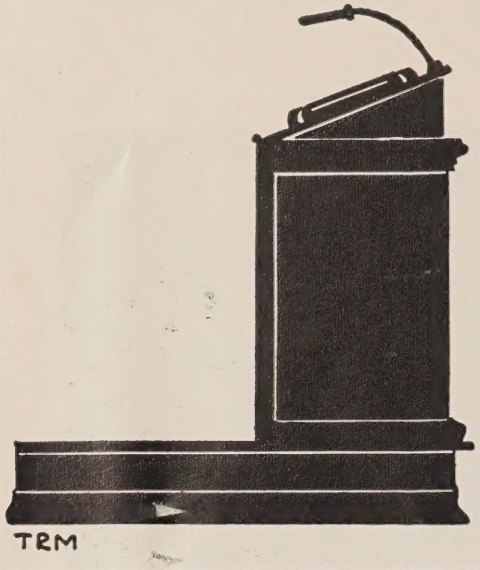
Our Spring Reunion will be held on April 8, 9 and 10, which is the week following Easter. We look forward to this Reunion feeling sure that it will be the biggest and the best ever. Details concerning the Reunion will be given our Brethren at a later date, but in the meantime please keep these dates in mind.

Your Office Staff expresses its appreciation to you for the splendid cooperation you have given during the past year, and it is our fond hope that the New Year will bring to you in full measure Good Health and Prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

MAN IS HIS OWN YARDSTICK

Man is his own yardstick, yet each of us has a tendency to measure himself by his fellowman, saying I am better than he is, or as good. Our Movement teaches man to look at himself. Socrates once said, "know thyself", Scottish Masonry says the same thing to us all.

The Greek philosopher of long ago judged us well when he said man is the measure of all things. We judge everything in relation to ourselves and, naturally, from a human point of view. All we know is what man senses, what he reasons and speculates about. We are concerned essentially with our own personal problems and welfare. When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit that nothing in this world interests us as much as ourselves, or seems as important to us as our own welfare. Only to the extent that we project ourselves beyond this self-centeredness can we envision a world that will build a better foundation for the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

We have reached a stage in our civilization where we might enter into a type of existence that would make all the utopias from Plato to Edward Bellamy seem drab by comparison. We have built great buildings, bridges, dams, roads, cities, and nations. We have conquered the land, the sea, and the air. We have made great studies in the conquest of disease and increased the span of life by many years. We have all the knowledge necessary to bring order out of chaos in public affairs. We can produce all we need for our comforts and physical protection in a few hours of work each week. We have countless facilities for cultivating and enjoying the increased leisure derived from the machine age. At the same time, we have reached a stage in history in which man's very existence has come to depend upon the extent to which he will show his moral responsibility and apply ethical motives to his actions. He has come to the crossroads where he can surround himself with destruction and confusion or construct a world of beauty and order. The choice is his, for history has demonstrated that when civilizations fail, it is always man that has failed. Man is the measure, not of the universe, but of his own progress.

When man turns his attention to the understanding and mastery of the forces of his own nature, he can win triumphs comparable to those he has already won in controlling the forces of nature outside of himself. This must be the next great undertaking of humanity.

Liston Pope, Dean of Yale Divinity School, observed not so long ago, "In the last analysis human progress must be measured in terms of the quality of man himself—by his moral and spiritual stature, his happiness, his fulfillment. It has been characteristic of this century that men have thought of themselves in terms of nearly everything but themselves: my automobile, my job, my doctor, my country . . . Man appears to be approximately the same self-serving

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creature he has always been. If anything, his moral reliability and sensitivity have declined in the last five decades and his spiritual vision has dimmed. Having largely discarded faith in a diety before whom we would know his sins and his smallness, he no longer knows how lost he is." This statement suggests that man still continues to look in the wrong direction in spite of what history has taught him. His primary concern with the material world has made him blind to his own internal spiritual life.

Man has long been asking for the aid of God to solve his moral and spiritual problems, but the results have not been encouraging. It is reasonable to assume that the Universe has not yet been created but is still in the process of being created. In those terms the Great Architect might welcome a little cooperation. Man, perhaps, has been thinking too long in terms of paternalistic God when he should begin to stand on his own two feet and to recognize that, within limits, he is master of his own fate. He might take more to heart Christ's injunction that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Along with a belief in God, man must learn to trust himself and believe in himself also. If man is to be saved at all, he must save himself by virtue of his intelligence and moral integrity. This is a simple statement, but its implications are the measure of man's destiny.

Someone has said that it takes clouds to make a beautiful sunset, and even the most soul-trying experiences of life have their part in weaving the tapestry of our time. This is no time for despair and disillusionment. It is true that these are perilous times. Law and order seem to be things of the past. Anything that I can get by with is the order of the day. The dawn of a new era in the history of man may well be in the offing. In the words of Hayden, "Once more the trial must be made to realize the dream, to distill out of this little piece of cosmic stuff, and this tiny stretch of time, a strain of music, thrilling, glorious, and beautiful."

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GOOD PRESS RELATIONS— A VALUABLE ASSET

The Fall Reunion which concluded with a celebration of the "Grand Master's Night" on Thursday, November 21st, was significantly augmented with an issue of "The New Bern Mirror", a very interesting and valuable news publication issued weekly by its Editor and Publisher and Brother J. Gaskill McDaniel, 32°. This issue came out in time to be distributed during the banquet hour and it is such an excellent example of good public relations that it is felt worthy to use in this issue of the BAGPIPE. The front page of the Mirror presented two large pictures: one of the Scottish Rite Temple in New Bern and the other of four of the personalities involved in the Scottish Rite activities of the week. These personalities were — Mrs. James G. (Sarah) Johnston, the charming wife of the Inspector General for North Carolina; Miss Anita Johnson, "Miss North Carolina 1969", who beautifully entertained the Brethren at the Tuesday night banquet; the Inspector General himself and the Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies.

Perhaps the noteworthy feature of the issue, however, was the editorial written by the Editor of the Mirror and which is such a beautiful illustration of the manner in which it is felt the Scottish Rite should be presented to the public that permission has been obtained from the Editor to use it in its entirety:

A VALUABLE ASSET

"This town of ours has much to be proud of, not the least of which is the New Bern Scottish Rite Consistory. Dating back to 1916, its jurisdiction

New Bern Scottish Rite Temple

covers 28 North Carolina counties.

Only the Charlotte Consistory, with 5,000 members, exceeds its 4,800 Masons, civilian and military, scattered around the world. Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Asheville and Wilmington all have smaller Consistories.

Twice a year, when the Spring and Fall Reunions are held, between 100 and 200 candidates receive degrees up to and including the 32nd. It is an accepted fact throughout Masonry that the quality of the work done here equals and in some instances surpasses that of other Consistories throughout America.

A high percentage of those comprising the degree teams are New Bernians, many of whom have served the cause for most of their adult life. Perhaps no other group in the community, fraternal, religious or civic, has ever approached this remarkable record of prolonged dependability.

So active is the New Bern Scottish Rite Consistory that more than 40 percent of the Master Masons in its territory eventually become members and advance from the 3rd to the 32nd degree. By comparison, other Consistories in North Carolina are in the 20 percent bracket.

To give you an idea of the labor that goes on at the Temple here, under the guidance of the Consistory's Secretary, Past Grand Master Robert L. Pugh, more than 70,000 pieces of mail leave its office annually.

And, during each Spring and Fall Reunion, the total number of meals served in a dining room seating more than 400 ranges from 3,000 to 3,500. Members of the Order of the Eastern Star have developed the kitchen operation so ef-

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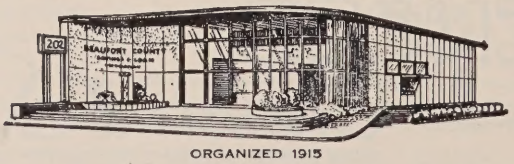

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ficiently that it functions as smoothly as a well oiled machine.

When built, the Temple had a value of approximately $225,000. Today, with furnishings and equipment, its worth is in excess of $400,000. Included in the facilities are an auditorium where degrees are conferred, a large lodge room and a spacious lecture room. Thanks to thoughtful planning, space throughout the structure is wisely utilized.

New Bern, with its Scottish Rite Temple, York Rite Temple, and Sudan Shrine Temple, is the smallest city in the world to have such collective fraternal units. Charlotte is the only other city in North Carolina with a Shrine Temple.

Our town, since Colonial days, has been widely known as a spot where Masonry flourished. No less a Mason than George Washington attended St. Johns Lodge here when, during his Southern tour, he spent two nights in the community.

Non-Masons as well as members of the fraternity can take pride in the contribution made by Masons to New Bern's progress and betterment through the years. But more significantly, beyond the boundaries of this, the first State Capital, the craft has done immeasurable good.

The secrets of Masonry, for valid reasons, are not exposed to scrutiny, but there is nothing secret about its tremendous philanthropy and its deep compassion for mankind.

They call New Bern a Masonic town, and to be so characterized is a compliment few cities merit to the extent that this one does. Which is just one more reason to be glad you're living where you are."

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

Reynold Davenport, 33°

A recent conversation sort of meandered around and somehow drifted into the listing of various seemingly eternal banes of mortal existence. Scholarly offerings and serious reflection eventually disgorged the concensus that we're going to have cockroaches with us right down to the final wire, that nobody's going to get rid of taxes, and that there'll never be a cure for the common cold. Having thus weightily delivered, the deliverers then began picturing the kind of world we'd find ourselves in if somehow we did suddenly eliminate one or more of these obnoxious to which we have been so long accustomed.

Take the common cold, for example (and you will, sooner or later)—have you ever considered how life would be without it? In the first place, its disappearance would create a conversation void that would make Crusoe's Island sound like a general meeting of the Women's Debating League. Especially during the six or seven colder months of the year. During those months the common cold originates, dominates, and terminates as many conversations as does the weather.

The main element of all these conversations about the common cold is the plain and fancy bragging that goes on. A man may have such an ugly wife, or such an old car, or such a miserable job, that his inferiority complex with regards to those possible topics laps over into the next county; but watch his face brighten up when you give him a chance to tell you about his cold. If you mention a cold that persisted for three weeks, then he had one that hung on for five. If you happen to remark

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°
Jacksonville, N. C.

that your cold entailed a fair amount of coughing, he'll tell you about the four sleepless days and nights his cough occasioned. If your sneezing was kind of rough, his ruptured blood vessels. If you ran a fever, he ran a hotbox. A man'll brag louder about his cold than he will his favorite grandson.

And think about all the free advice you'd have to get along without if you never had another cold. The hot juices, the greasy plasters, bitter tonics, exercises, prostrations, incantations, inhala-

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tions, and all the other hexes and medications, that are freely offered to and vigorously forced upon the unwary sufferer who makes the mistake of merely sneezing in the presence of one of these advocates of guaranteed cold remedies. You have just about as much chance of getting one of these remedies to work as you have of getting rid of the purveyor thereof.

Furthermore, the disappearance of the common cold would put something like nine or seventeen drug companies completely out of business. The fast-action pills, delayed-action pills, multi-layered pills, fruit-flavored lozenges, almond-flavored syrups, mini-flavored gargles — all of these highly exotic and highly ineffective attendants of the common cold would lapse into well-deserved oblivion.

Without the ever-convenient common cold we would have to contrive new excuses for not being on the job, for declining unwanted invitations, for not taking our wives out to dinner.

It is possible that mankind could satisfactorily adjust to the absence of cockroaches or taxes, or even both; but it's really hard to see how we'd ever get along without the common cold.

That's all from Onslow.

"FROM UP THE NEUSE"

By John D. Charlton, 32°

During the past two weeks I have been asked by many "were the coal mines that exploded near your home place?" The answer — yes, that's where I was born and raised — Mannington, West Virginia" — and then an endless stream of questions. I guess it is difficult for me to understand why people outside of the coal regions have such a fear of mining, and think that miners are a breed of people unto themselves. However, what I have come to realize is that we don't know how people 500 miles away from us live, think, and behave — let alone people half way around the world.

In most ways a coal miner is like

JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

anyone else, except I think that perhaps he has a little more pride in doing a dangerous job that has to be done, if the rest of America is to have the steel products that make for most of our necessary tools and luxuries. Without coal there is no steel! Believe me they wouldn't trade mining for tobacco farming for anything; but then neither would you trade. You see a man does what he knows best without any fear, but not without respect for danger!

There are many Master Masons who are coal miners. In fact when I petitioned Greenville Lodge No. 284 in 1945, Most Worshipful James W. Brewer had to write three miners to inquire as to my past behavior. They were all three Scottish Rite Masons and Shriners, which I didn't know at the time, and I have often wondered since how I made it — so do you, well I don't blame you! I must say this, and believe me after 26 years I am an Eastern North Carolinian through and through. If the Masons of our Consistory had the fierce pride in their Masonic affiliations that those I know who mine our coal for us have, we could attain the goals our leaders have in mind for Masonry in the New Bern Consistory. We have a leadership that is excelled by none, yet too many of us have forgotten our 5th vow. Do you know what Bro. Charlie Midyette told me, in so many words, during rehearsal for the last reunion? "I just don't understand how you could ever forget that 5th vow once having learned it!" Now after several weeks of meditation I have just come to realize what most of you already knew; Brother Charlies is a loyal soldier and I still have a long ways to go!

I don't know for sure if any of the 78 men who were lost were our fraternal brothers, but I did know some of them and know them to be close friends of Masons in that area, as well as mine. As we enter this Christmas season and look forward to a New Year won't you include in your prayers, as I know many have, the families of these our brothers; and come closer to a concern and reality that for an eternal peace to ever come, a true brotherhood of man must come first — and who should better lead the way than Scottish Freemasons?

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

1. Members and guests assembled around our lovely Christmas tree.
2. Part of the reception committee at the Nativity Scene.
3. Nativity Scene at the rear of the entrance hall.
4. "Miss North Carolina" spellbinding two of the Brethren!
5. Hostess Mary Dixon at center table serving Brother and Mrs. Albert Brinson.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is a time when we ought to be asking some really searching questions of ourselves — not the least of which is "What time is it?" This question has a multitude of meanings. To a parent who is awaiting the world from the operation it can mean great anxiety. To the bride awaiting the beginning of the wedding march it can mean great joy and anticipation. To a wife in Africa awaiting word as to the future state of her husband who is a captive it can mean great pain. "Behold how the sands of time run!" Many people neither know, nor care, what time it is. They are the persons who are always extracting from life and never really putting anything substantial back into the world's life! Many people offer stupid, snobbish, criticism of the times and events as we know them today.

I would remind us that any man who is unmoved by the moral climate of our day personifies the vilest kind of indifference. A modern writer has described our age as one possessed of scientific Phi Beta Kappa people who are spiritual duds! Our world is filled with people who seem to know all the hypotheses, but never come to the knowledge of the truth. We have the best methods for living of any generation of history. Yet, who would say that we are thereby more better prepared to live? We see men lining their pockets with scientific acquisitions while living out their lives as egomaniacs!

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Before you accept these things or reject them, it is time for us to make some sober judgments and do some real thinking. A colorless, staid, existence is poor fare for a man who has been created in the image of God and who is capable of thinking the thoughts after God. If this is not the true definition of man, then our Masonic teachings have been misleading! As we stand at the beginning of a new year and recollect the past one, we often say "If I had my life to live over, I would do thus-and-so." Yet, we know that life is a one-way street! We shall not pass this way again. This is the only day that Masonry has to prove her manly art. It is the only day that you or I have to stand up like a man. The tragedy of our day is a man who is unmindful of the day in which he lives. I have visited many times those poor people in our hospitals who are in a comotose — eyes set and oblivious of the things that are transpiring before them. It is possible for men to exist in a world of beauty, color, and opportunities without response or reaction of a constructive nature. Endless opportunities for service and real living are looked at with jaundiced eyes or suspicion and skepticism while they pass without regard or notice. The question that we ought to be asking ourselves is: "Do we realize life while we live it?" Life can slip beyond our grasp, so far as these opportunities are concerned. Masonry can make professions and not live! Now is the time that we have to deal with — not tomorrow and not yesterday.

Someone has said that "Now is not a welcomed time. Now is diaper pails, ink-stained notes, jingling alarms, heavy eyes at four o'clock. Now is five wanting to be six, and six wanting to be seven, made bearable by Barbie Dolls complete with maternity outfits!" For

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all our yearning for the future, it comes all too soon. Time ticks away and drives us round the clock dial like a helpless thing until we fall off, and it ticks on without us! It might surprise some of us to realize that in our day we do not set a schedule; the schedule sets us! We are slaves to a date-book! Often the datebook doesn't reveal anything significant so far as real living is concerned. (I have my schedule book that never seems to have an empty time either! So, I know of what I speak!) A man's date-book is often the true biography of his life. Man does not truly define time; He does not really use time by calendar or a schedule book. God presents opportunities one by one in the time of our lives when they can best be seized and responded to.

So, my brethren, take time in the coming year to really live. Who knows but that if we will kneel before the "now" and under the Great Light but that we shall find it a manger which cradles the hopes of our world? The worst blaspheme may be when we face the opportunities of real service and respond "I haven't the time." God has given us each a measure of time to do all the things that will build the Temple. His designs must be read today. Our trust and obedience must be given today. The man who lives in the light that shines today cannot be caught unawares tomorrow. Man's best guarantee that he shall live beyond the grave is that he has really lived this side of the grave. No one gets into heaven until heaven gets into him. Take time before time takes you! Take your time and use it for the sake of God and for the sake of the world's need. This is Masonry in action. "What time is it?" Time to become fully awake!

GREENVILLE LODGE NO. 284 CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GROWTH

On Sunday afternoon, December 8, 1968 at 4:00 o'clock, members of Greenville Lodge No. 284 A.F. & A.M. with their families assembled in the William J. Bundy Lodge Room of the Greenville Masonic Temple and celebrated its first 100 years of Masonic history. This Lodge has had quite a phenomenal history, one of which it can be justly proud, and which shows a steady and persistent growth of Masonic interest in Greenville from the date of its institution in 1868.

The message for the occasion was brought by the Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, who not only congratulated the Lodge on its anniversary but who asked that the members of the Lodge concern themselves in the future with an answer to the question: "Where do we go from here?"

A history of Greenville Lodge No. 284 had been prepared by the very efficient Secretary of the Lodge Brother Ed Austin, 32°. Brother Austin presented the history as a part of the program and since it was believed that many elements in the history of the Lodge would be interesting to the Brethren throughout our jurisdiction, permission was obtained for its use in this issue. The history follows:

HISTORY OF GREENVILLE LODGE NO. 284, A.F. & A.M.

The fact that Greenville, familiarly known as "Our Greenville yours if you come", is the home of ECU and of three Masonic Lodges lends local color to the intensely interesting and fascinating hundred year history of Greenville Lodge No. 284 and our celebration this afternoon.

Were it not that Masonry has since time immemorial carefully abstained from participation as an organization in matters political, sectarian, civil and secular, the old records of this lodge dating back 100 years which have undergone fire, peril, civil war, loss and damage, would record the important achievements of its members in the shaping of the destinys and the subsequent development of our great State and Nation. A careful scrutiny of historic records forces us to the conclusion that while such matters were debarred from the Lodge meetings, there is no denying the fact that many secret plans were discussed by members of the craft immediately after the regular meetings of the Lodge adjourned.

There are references that there was one and possibly two Lodges existing in North Carolina in the period of 1766 and 1767. The first Lodge in Pitt County was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Joseph Montford of Halifax, Provincial Grand Master of North Carolina died in 1776. There is no record of a successor until a meeting at Tarboro on Dec. 11 and 12, 1787 of delegates from ten lodges. Governor Samuel Johnston was elected First Grand Master. This meeting also passed a Masonic declaration of independence from the Grand Lodge of England and instituted the present system of numbering lodges.

Masonry numbers among its membership almost every great man in our nation since its colonization. Greenville Lodge No. 284 has a proud and exceptional history as we shall presently see.

Having suffered (with other negative events) the ravages of Civil war, Sharon Lodge ceased to exist by 1868.

The first record of Greenville Lodge No. 284 is found in the record book of the minutes of the lodge that were salvaged from the fire that destroyed the Masonic Temple in 1910.

The first minutes on record in the file of Greenville Lodge No. 284, show that Greenville Lodge No. 284 was functioning Under Dispensation and the date of the meeting was February 12th, 1868. The following were listed as the Officers:

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At the Stated Communication of Greenville Lodge No. 284 U D held on November 16, 1868, a committee composed of Bros. H. H. Lazell, B. C. Pearce and M. Stern were appointed to contact the Grand Secretary relative to obtaining their Charter at the Grand Lodge meeting to be held in Raleigh on December 7th, 1868. The Grand Lodge committee No. 1 on Charters and dispensations reported that they had examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Greenville Lodge of Pitt Co., working under dispensation, and recommended that Charter be granted to Greenville Lodge. The Charter was granted by Grand Lodge on Dec. 8, 1868.

The following officers were installed by Bro. E. J. Blount, PM, by authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master on January 12, 1869:

Louis Hilliard, Master; W. L. Cherry, Sen. Warden; B. W. Brown, Jun. Warden; Max Stern, Treasurer; W. A. Cherry, Secretary.

The first Masonic Temple of Greenville Lodge No. 284 was located on the corner of Second and Pitts Sts.

From the time Greenville Lodge received its Charter Greenville Lodge No. 284 took an active part in the civic affairs. It sponsored a school for several years. At its stated communication held on July 24th, 1900 it voted to sponsor a school. The Lodge moved up stairs in the building on the corner of Third and Evans in what later became the Reflector Building, turning the Masonic Temple over to the school. The school was held in the Masonic Temple until the Temple was destroyed by fire on October 25th, 1901. After the fire the school was moved one block East to the corner of Second and Green Sts., in the Eborn house. The school was discontinued under Masonic management at the end of the school term in 1902.

After the Masonic Temple was burned, Greenville Lodge continued to meet in the building which they had rented at the first opening of the school. At the Stated communication held in November 1900 the Master appointed the following committee composed of Bros. R. Williams, W. B. Wilson, C. T. Munford, Dr. Chas. O. H. Laughinghouse and L. I. Moore to select a site to build a new Masonic Temple. The committee looked into several sites and finally selected a site and purchased same on May 6th, 1901 for $1250.00. This site was on the Northwest corner of the present Court House block and stood on what is now the new part of the Court House. They had raised over $800.00 in contributions towards the building and the balance of $450.00 was borrowed from 2 of the members of the lodge. The building was financed by the issuance of interest bearing bonds in the sum of $100.00 each. This Temple was completed and used by the Lodge for its meetings, having offices on the ground floor, with a theatre occupying the second and third floors and the Lodge room on the fourth floor. This building was destroyed by fire in February 1910 together with its furnishings and most of its records. The Lodge then met over J. Key Brown's Drug Store. After Sharon Lodge was reactivated in 1912 Greenville Lodge and Sharon Lodge consolidated meeting places and met over what is now Globe Hardware. They continued to meet here until 1946 when they moved to the old R. J. Cobb home which they had purchased and renovated into a Masonic Temple. They met here until 1964 when they moved to the present Temple.

Greenville Lodge has had several prominent and outstanding members of the fraternity among its members and at present there are several descendants of these illustrious members. Greenville Lodge has been honored by furnishing one Grand Master of Masons in M.W. William J. Bundy and indirectly furnishing another in M.W. James W. Brewer who was originally made a Master Mason in Greenville Lodge No. 284, later going to Crown Point Lodge No. 708 as a Charter member when it was formed in 1957. M.W. Brother Brewer is presently Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

CHALLENGING ADDRESS BY OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL

On the evening of Tuesday, November 19, 1968, concluding the first day of activities of the Scottish Rite Reunion in the Valley of New Bern, the banquet hour which had been designated as "Miss North Carolina Night" also featured a visit from and an address by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, Ill. Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, of Charlotte. Ill. Brother Johnston had been originally placed on the program as the featured speaker of the evening to give primarily some of the thoughts which had impressed him so much resulting from his spending the summer in Austria. During this time he also toured the remainder of the continent where he was afforded the opportunity of observing many situations and conditions which impressed him tremendously. These situations, reflecting the striking contrasts between undesirable political and economic conditions, made such an impression upon him that he reduced a good many of them into a very appealing and inspiring address. This address he delivered during the banquet hour and impressed our Brethren so much that we wanted all of our membership to have the benefit of his impressions. With the permission of our Inspector General, therefore, we are presenting here the address as he delivered it so ably that evening:

"We have met this evening as free men, men free to assemble as we will; men free to express in words of our own ideas and thoughts peculiar to ourselves without fear of having secret government agents bundle us off without benefit of trial; men free to gather in a spirit of unequaled fraternalism, which, in a measure, shuts out the outer world, a condition dictators cannot tolerate; men free to listen to and to absorb, to the extent of our capabilities, a philosophy designed to improve man's state in life.

What a glorious state we enjoy!

Contrast this, if you will, with the police states in which many peoples of the world are living in mortal terror — afraid to speak, afraid to listen to another speak, afraid to move about from place to place in their own villages and towns for fear of being picked up and accused unjustly of plotting against their tyrannical oppressive leaders.

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If you will pardon a personal reference, we just returned three weeks ago from a European trip and while we were there we traveled in some of the Communist countries of Eastern Europe. I say to you in all earnestness that the plight of a great majority of those poor people is beyond imagination. We saw and attempted to talk to people in Communist lands who were frank enough to say that they could be punished for being seen talking to us; we had a travel guide who worked as long as 15 hours a day for the miserable sum of $3.00 a day and was not permitted to accept gratuities. We saw people idle in the streets, without incentive to better their state in life; we saw thousands of children by the roadside without proper clothing, without toys, without any means of entertainment — yes, without smiles; we saw entire families living in thatch-covered leantos mid the filth and dirt of the sheep and goats in the midst of which they lived and ate. We saw evidence of poverty the likes of which exists no where in America — even in our worst ghettos. We saw frustrated human beings ruled by the iron hand of tyranny, helpless and forelorn.

Communism has done little or nothing for these unfortunate people; yet Communists and those who support the Communist philosophy would have you and me believe that it is the only form of government for the masses.

Would to God, and I say it reverently, that the pinks and the punks who would deliver us into Communist hands could be sent to see and live under conditions under which we recently saw hapless human beings forced to live.

In 1961 when Nikita Khruschchev was in the United States, as our guest, he made this statement (it is recorded in the Congressional Record of July 26, 1961, page 12822):

"We cannot expect the Americans to jump from Capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of Socialism until they suddenly awake to find they have Communism."

I want you to reflect upon that statement and to relate it to the long, long road down which we have come in the last 20 years toward the welfare state. And no end in that direction is in sight!

Saint Paul in the eighth chapter of Romans said: "For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." And again in Galatians Paul proclaims: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Today in America we undoubtedly are reaping the harvest of doing things that we should not have done and of not doing the things that we should have done. We are enmeshed in, surrounded by and almost overwhelmed with catostrophe — financial, moral and political. The dimensions of our crisis cannot be calculated — and this is what the freest, most blessed people on earth, governing themselves, have wrought in a very short time. But I say to you that it is not too late to change our ways and meet the challenge — although it is very, very late.

I am convinced that when men die, and they are dying in Vietnam, they do not die in defense of our Constitution, but of the dream of freedom our Constitution holds; that when our cities lie in ruin — and they are lying in ruin, Washington, Newark, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles — they will not have been mercilessly bombed but will have crumbled and are crumbling from within. External encirclement, plus internal demoralization, is leading to progressive surrender.

I implore you, therefore, to return to the ways of our founding fathers, to spurn the urge to follow a vociferous minority to a complete downfall of our system of free enterprise, free assembly, free speech and movement. The alternative — and it is pressing us hard — is the loss of everything we now nonchalantly look upon as our rich heritage — including the right to meet as we are met here tonight. God forbid that we shall ever come face to face with this alternative.

You, as Scottish Rite Masons, new and old, who believe in the dignity of man, who subscribe to the basic Masonic philosophy of the freedom of man in his pursuit of understanding, truth and light can and must help to chart our future national course. We, and the few remaining who believe and feel as we do are the last stronghold."

THE SUPREME COUNCIL

December 12, 1968

Illustrious Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary, Scottish Rite Bodies
P. O. Box 1449
New Bern, North Carolina 28560

Dear Brother Pugh:

I read your letter of December 6, 1968 with great pleasure and interest. Your Fall Reunion with 145 new Scottish Rite Masons is first-class evidence of wonderful progress of our Scottish Rite in your Valley.

I am glad that Inspector General James G. Johnston, 33°, was an interested on-looker during the Reunion. He has a very charming wife and she was present also. I would like very much to have heard Brother Johnston's address based upon his experiences in Europe during the summer. Maybe he will write an article on that subject for The New Age. I am sending Brother Johnston a copy of this letter and hope he will take note of this statement.

Lt. General and our Ill. Brother H. Nickerson, Jr., 33°, is a great Scottish Rite Mason. He came to see me last Tuesday and I am always glad to have him come to the House of the Temple to visit me. He gave me a briefing on his visit to Vietnam, which was very interesting subject matter.

I thank you for sending me a copy of The New Bern Mirror. I may want to use some of it in The New Age if you have no objection.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,
LUTHER A. SMITH
Sovereign Grand Commander

December 17, 1968

Dear Brother Pugh,

Enclosed is my check for $20.00. $15.00 for Dues and $5.00 for the Almoners Fund. Hope everything is fine with you and the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies.

I have been in Vietnam almost 6 months now after serving two years in Korea. The war here does not look good and I have my doubts about how successful we will be in Paris at the conference table. 30,000 of our good citizens will not be with us to enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Sorry I was late but time passes fast when we are working 18 hours a day and night. May get to see Bob Hope.

Fraternally yours,
James D. Jones, Jr., Lt.Col. TC

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" dispensed with their regular Monday night, Nov. 18, 1968 meeting, and held an informal meeting, because of the beginning of "Fall Reunion" on the 19th.

We were disappointed with the results of our efforts, however instead of allowing our failure to make us despondent, we hope to profit by our mistakes, and have greater success in the spring.

We are about to enter the Christmas season and Freemasons of our Lodge with those of all others join wholeheartedly in commemorating the birth of the Master of Israel who came to bring peace to men of good will in a world of strife, hatred and persecution.

The greatest of all the world's seers and prophets was the lowly Nazarene who taught men to understand that God is their Father and that the people of the world are His children and that they should love one another as He loves them. This idea — the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man — was adopted by Masonry as its basic dogma and was emblazoned on its banners many centuries ago as its shibboleth.

The practice of brotherhood was never more forcefully illustrated than by Jesus in his unforgetable story of the Good Samaritan who quickly and generously came to the assistance and relief of the "certain man" traveling along the road to Jericho who fell among thieves, was robbed, brutally beaten by them and left to die. A Priest came by and then a Levite. Each looked at the poor fellow lying on the roadside in pain, but that was all, and each went his own way without doing a thing for him. Then the Samaritan, a sort of social outcast, passing along that way, saw the sorrowful plight of the injured and suffering man and had compassion on him, lifted him up, bound up his wounds, helped him to the nearest inn and took care of him, paying the host in advance for his service. That, my brethren was Masonry in action.

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What is happier than a new year? Three hundred sixty-five days stretch before us, spotless as a horizon-wide plain of new fallen snow. Twelve fertile months lie waiting, like a great fallow field, to receive the seed we shall sow. And in our hand is our new set of resolutions, sharp and gleaming.

A happy new year is good, but better still is a happy old year. Better than trackless days of the future are finished days with well-trodden paths of righteousness. Better than a field untouched is a field with ripened harvest. Better than untarnished new resolutions are resolutions well worn, but unbroken.

A very "Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year"! By God's grace, may we make it into a happy old year and a steppingstone to a new year happier still.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Another fine meeting was held today at the Beaufort County Shrine Club hut. There were twenty members present. Steaks were charcoaled by the men and all of the extras were prepared by the ladies. Everyone expressed their appreciation and delight. Brother Jack Tripp gave the invocation.

After the meal the men had a short but important business session.

Brother Eddie Jackson president, presided.

Brother Ed. Thornton was welcomed as a new member. Brother Ed., past secretary of Washington Lodge 675 became a 32 degree Mason in New Bern at the Fall Reunion of this year. He has managed the Washington McCory-McLellan-Green store for many years. We welcome Brother Ed. and his wife Ethel into the club, they have one son, Wm. Ed., Jr.

The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Motion was made by Brother Bob Mohler and seconded by Brother Henry Jones that this club make a donation to the Beaufort County Shrine Club of Twenty-five ($25.00) dollars. Motion was unanimously passed.

The club purchased a deep-fat fryer for french fried potatoes.

Brothers Willie Gray Hodges and Bob Mohler volunteered to be responsible for all arrangements for the next meeting which is scheduled for January 5, 1969. The meeting place and the program will be announced at a later date.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1969:

Vance Smith _____ President
Henry Jones _____ Vice-President
Ashley Leggett __ Secretary-Treasurer

Expressions of appreciation were extended to all out going officers by the club.

Out going President Jackson at this time turned the meeting over to incoming President Vance Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

At this time the ladies joined the men for a very entertaining program of films taken on trips to the New England States by Brother Wm. W. Alligood and his wife Muriel.

After the program the group departed at nine o'clock. It was decided to have our next meeting at six o'clock and try to be away by eight thirty.

Ashley G. Leggett,
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CHOWAN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held its annual Xmas party on Friday night, Dec. 13 at 7:30. We had a delicious meal of ham, turkey with all the trimmings, cakes and pies.

Brother Kermit Layton welcomed our new members.

Gifts were exchanged after which Mrs. Wayne Baker played the piano while everyone joined in singing Xmas carols.

All Scottish Rite Masons were asked to invite a non-Mason to the open installation of officers in our Blue Lodge in January.

Our party was attended by 41 people. I believe this to be the largest and best party we have ever had.

Fraternally yours,
McKay Washington, President

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club met December 16, 1968, in Franklin Lodge 109 for its regular monthly meeting, with 16 present.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. The following were nominated and elected: Brother Charles McKay, President; Brother Stanley Gillikin, Vice-President, and Brother A. C. Blankenship, Secretary and Treasurer.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President W. J. Ipock, Jr.

Calvin E. Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer

MARTIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met Wednesday night, December 4, at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston, N. C.

Officers for 1969 were elected as follows:

President _____P. C. Bryant
Vice-President _____Bill Tetterton
Secretary-Treasurer _____King Leggett
(All of Williamston)

Bro. Bill Tetterton presided during the meeting and reported there were nine candidates from Martin County at the last reunion.

Our next meeting will be held at the Town and Country Restaurant on January 8, 1969.

P. C. Bryant, Secretary

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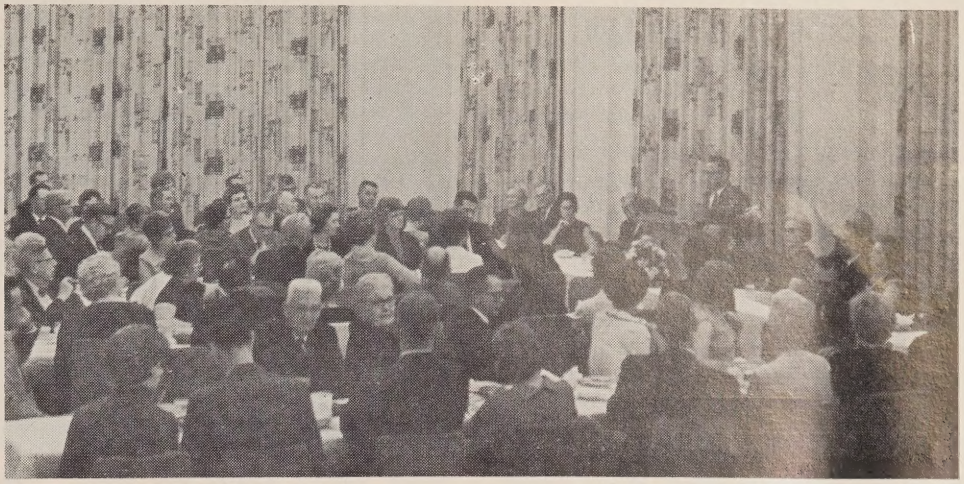

Members and guests at Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Ladies' Night Party

Bro. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H. speaker for Cherry Point Ladies' Night

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

It has been said that "The Divine Mistress" is knowledge. We must continue to seek, pursue and always follow "The Divine Mistress" if we are to progress.

We sought admission in the Scottish Rite Bodies in our continued search for Masonic knowledge. This is why we see so many of our Brothers at our reunions; Brothers who travel hundreds of miles each year to attend the reunions in search of "The Divine Mistress". One good Brother traveled over three hundred miles to take his part in one of the degrees, yet he had a speaking part of less than ten words.

The members of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club realize that we cannot wait until the next re-union to secure petitions. It must be a full time job if we are to fulfill our obligations, and start now to contact our worthy Brethren and invite them to join our fraternity.

Oscar J. Aldridge, Secretary

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club has just added three new members to their roll, in the person of James D. Robertson, Carson D. Spivey, Jr., and Harvey M. Spivey, who were recently elevated to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite in the New Bern Consistory, and they are very much enthused with the work. They are now interested in working to get other Master Masons to take these degrees and learn the beauty and meaning of them.

Our club is now preparing to hold their election of officers for 1969 and make out their program and plans for the new year.

G. C. Buck, 32°, K.C.C.H.,
Secretary

WILSON COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its annual Ladies Night Wednesday night Nov. 6th at the Hotel Cherry with a large group in attendance. After a delicious Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the officers for 1969 were installed by Past Potentate of Sudan Temple, T. Bruce Boyette, K.C.C.H.. After the installation of officers, Bro. Boyette was the speaker of the evening. He gave a most impressive talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

CAPS—THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

As the White Lambskin is the Badge of a Mason, so is the regulation cap the badge of a Scottish Rite Mason.

A purple cap indicates that the wearer is a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Active Member of the Supreme Council.

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A black cap indicates that the wearer has attained the 32nd Degree.

The Supreme Council has set forth a rule for the correct wearing of the cap. When wearing the cap it shall be considered to be a part of the apparel of the wearer and shall not be removed.

At the presentation of the flag, the cap shall remain in place, and the members shall stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

During prayer the cap shall remain in place and the hands and arms shall be crossed as in the 18th Degree.

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THE WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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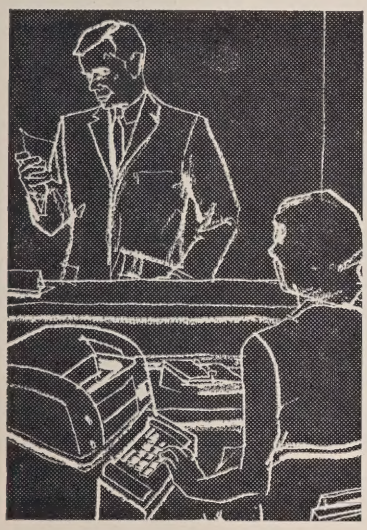

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Total	$150.00	$15.00

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New Bern Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix
New Bern Council of Knights of Kadosh
New Bern Consistory

..... (City or Town) ..... 19 .... Date

BRETHERN:

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing in .....

Lodge No. ....., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand (Give City and State)

Lodge of ....., and have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the ....., inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials

Print First Name	Print Middle Name	Print Last Name

Residence ..... City ..... County ..... State

Date of Birth ..... Day ..... Month ..... Year

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $ .....
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Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

*If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, he will strike out the word "never," and explain fully time, place, and to whom such application was made.

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